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SUBJECT: ILO--DEMARCHE TO FONMIN

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SUMMARY: FONMIN UNAVAILABLE IN ALEXANDRIA. DEMARCHE MADE
TO HIS CHEF DE CABINET AND TO MFA DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS. LATTER CLAIMED EVIDENCE OF US FLEXIBILITY WAS
MEAGER AND CAME SO LATE IN CONFERENCE THAT CONVENING OF
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G-77 TO CONSIDER MAINWARING TEXT IMPOSSIBLE. IF TIME NOT
FACTOR, GOE WOULD HAVE BEEN WILLING WORK ON G-77 TO SEEK
COMPROMISE ON BASIS MAINWARING AMENDMENT PROVIDED US WITHDREW
OWN AMENDMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED FONMIN FAHMY IN ALEXANDRIA TO MAKE DEMARCHE
REQUESTED REFTTEL BUT FAHMY ENGAGED IN MEETINGS. AMB SPOKE

WITH FAHMY CHEF DE CABINET AL-BAZ WHO SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS DEMARCHE WITH MFA ACTION OFFICER AMRE MOUSSA (DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT) AND BRIEF FAHMY LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

2. CONCURRENTLY, POLCOUNS MADE DEMARCHE TO AMRE MOUSSA ARGUING THAT US FLEXIBILITY ON STRUCTURE ISSUES MERITED GOE INSTRUCTIONS TO SHAFEI IN GENEVA TO MOVE G-77 TOWARD ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION OF STRUCTURE QUESTIONS AND PROGRESS ON ARTICLE 17. MOUSSA WAS FAMILIAR WITH MAINWARING TEXT ON ARTICLE 17, BUT CONSIDERED IT UNACCEPTABLE AS WORDED. HE DESCRIBED IT AS "CANADIAN FACADE FOR US POSITION" WHICH SOUGHT TO "SNEAK IN THROUGH THE WINDOW WHAT US FAILED TO HAVE ILC ACCEPT THROUGH FRONT DOOR." NEITHER EGYPT, NOR G-77, ACCORDING TO MOUSSA, COULD ACCEPT ANY SOLUTION WHICH PLACED SO MUCH DISCRETIONARY POWER IN HANDS OF ILO DG. US AMDNMENT, MOUSSA POINTED OUT, HAD SOUGHT TO PLACE THE POWER IN HANDS OF GOVERNING BODY; CANADIAN TEXT WAS UNACCEPTABLE AS WORDED. IT WAS NOT WELL DRAFTED, SINCE IT BEGAN WITH "DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ILO SHALL... PROVISIONALLY WITHDRAW ANY RESOLUTION..." PHRASE WHICH GUARANTEED ELICIT OPPOSITION FROM G-77.

3. MOUSSA CONTENDED THAT USDEL HAD COMMITTED SERIES OF TACTICAL ERRORS IN SEEKING TO HAVE G-77 CONSIDER MAINWARING TEXT AT THIS TIME. IN FIRST PLACE, IT CAME MUCH TOO LATE. US HAD CLUNG TO ORIGINAL AMENDMENT, WITHOUT GIVING ANY HINT OF FLEXIBILITY, AND MAINWARING TEXT GAVE NO SIGNS OF INTENDED COMPROMISE. USDEL ALSO HAD FAILED CONSIDER SENSIBILITIES OF G-77 IN LANGUAGE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. FINALLY, PRESENT DEMARCHE CAME AT A TIME WHEN ILC WAS IN ITS FINAL HOURS AND MOVING G-77 WAS VITUAL IMPOSSIBILITY. MOUSSA SAID SHAFEI WOULD HAVE TO CONVENE ENTIRE GROUP OF SOME 100 DELS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE AND VOTE UPON WHETHER TO CONSIDER DISCUSSION OF MAINWARING TEXT AND APPOINT DRAFTING COMMITTEE TO REVISE IT.

4. AS FOR STRUCTURE ISSUES, MOUSSA SAW LITTLE SIGN OF US FLEXIBILITY. US HAD MOVED ON PERIPHERAL STRUCTURE ISSUES ONLY AT LAST MOMENT AND WHEN FORCED TO FOR LACK OF SUPPORT. PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF POWERS FROM GOVERNING BODY, US WAS ACTUALLY SEEKING CENTRALIZE ILO POWERS EVEN MORE BY SPONSORSHIP OF MAINWARING TEXT. NOTING THAT SHAFEI REPRESENTED G-77, NOT SIMPLY EGYPTIAN VIEWS. MOUSSA SAID EGYPTIANS WERE WILLING TRY TO CONVINCE G-77 TO CONSIDER MAINWARING TEXT, PROVIDED US WITHDREW ITS OWN AMENDMENT, WHICH STILL ON TABLE. HE OPINED THAT CANADIAN PROPOSAL COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION WITH SOME MODIFICATION. AT SAME TIME HE REITERATED THAT TIME FACTOR NOT SUFFICIENT TO CONVENE G-77.
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